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FOR AMBASSADOR AGGREY FROM BARNES

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SUBJECT:MARIN'S TRAVEL

REFS; (A) BUCHAREST 4953, (B) STATE 169155

1. DELIGHTED TO KNOW OF THE LETTER FROM GENERAL POPESCU
INDICATING MARIN WILL BE GIVEN A PASSPORT.

2. SORRY THERE ARE SO MANY PROBLEMS ON THE TICKET. FROM
HERE IT SOUNDS AS IF PAN AM HERE HAS AT BEST CONFUSED
THINGS. I MADE THE ORIGINAL RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONE
AND WAS TOLD THE FOLLOWING: (A) NO SPACE WAS AVAILABLE
FOR THE SPECIAL FARE (KNOWN AS APEX) FOR AUGUST 14 WHICH
IS WHY I GOT THE ROUTING THROUGH LONDON. THE APEX PLAN
WAS ALSO WHAT HAD REQUIRED THE PICKUP OF THE TICKET ON

JULY 10 OR 11 BECAUSE ACCORDING TO PAN AM THE TICKET MUST
BE PICKED UP WITHIN A WEEK OF THE CONFIRMATION OF RESER-
VATIONS; (B) PAN AM SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE WASHINGTON/
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BUCHAREST ROUND-TRIP FARE IS LESS THAN \$700, THE BUCHAREST/
WASHINGTON ROUND-TRIP FARE IS NEARLY \$800 BECAUSE OF
QUOTE EXCHANGE RATE DIFFERENCES UNQUOTE. IN LIGHT OF WHAT
I WAS TOLD BY PAN AM HERE, I AM PUZZLED BY GAICULESCU'S
STATEMENT THAT TICKET AUTHORIZATION WAS UNDATED. BUT IN

ANY CASE OUR INTENTION HAD BEEN TO BRING HIM OVER IF

NOT ON THE 14TH, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER WITH HIS
RETURNING ON SEPTEMBER 9 AS INDICATED IN REFTEL B.

3. I FEAR WITH ALL THE COMPLICATIONS THAT HAVE DEVELOPED
WE HAVE PROBABLY LOST THE SPECIAL FARE. AT THIS STAGE
THEREFORE IT PROBABLY MAKES MOST SENSE TO USE THE 22-45
DAY EXCURSION FARE. BUT TO BE ABSOLUTELY SURE, WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR HAVING SOMEONE CHECK ONE FINAL TIME WITH
JOE AND DAN IN THE LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN
ABOVE. IF THIS IS CORRECT, PERHAPS THEY COULD MAKE
THE RESERVATION THERE FOR THE AUGUST 14 PAN AM FLIGHT.
MY UNDERSTANDING FROM PAN AM HERE IS THAT THERE WERE NO
SEATS AVAILABLE ON THE AUGUST 14 FLIGHT ONLY REPEAT ONLY
FOR THE SEPCIAL FARE AND THUS I ASSUME IF WE NOW USE
THE 22-45 DAY EXCURSION FARE, A SEAT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE
ON THE BUCHAREST/WASHINGTON FLIGHT.

4. IF THE ABOVE ALL MAKES SENSE, PLEASE CONFIRM AND
WE WILL PAY THE ADDITIONAL \$188 TO PAN AM HERE AND LET
YOU KNOW WE HAVE DONE SO. I HOPE THAT WILL THEN BE THE
END OF THE COMPLICATIONS. VANCE

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